

# Lamoka-Waneta Lakes Association – Board of Directors Meeting

August 19, 2017

**Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Vice President Jay White** (Jay led the meeting in preparation of moving to President in September.)

**Present:** Terry Allison, Patrick Allison, Kurt Bischoff, Cartha Conklin, Sean Fitzpatrick, Al Gerth, Claud Gingrich, Corrinne Julian, Dene Karaus, Chuck Rybak, Joan Rybak, Gordon Shafer, Ed Sharpe, Ray Stebbins, Mary Kay Tucker, Jay White

**Guest:** Terry Fisk

**Absent:** Al Buckland, Calvin Barnstead, Ron Dixon, Rick Game, Heidi Gerth, Gary Gray, Kevin Morris, Barry Pappas, Richard Stewart, Andy Strawhand, Carolee Thatcher, John Thatcher, Tom Webb

Chuck and Kurt made a motion the minutes of the July 8, 2017 minutes were approved as presented.

**Old Business: None**

**New Business:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Corrinne Julian went over the LWLA Balance Sheet as of August 19, 2017.  
Checking Account Balance-- \$1,973.83 with \$55 donation in memory of Benita Clarkson from Wixson Road. This brings the total donation in Benita's memory to over \$500.  
Savings Account Balance-- \$21,614.69  
Total Fixed Assets -- \$7,363.58 (no change from last month)  
Total Assets -- \$30,952.10  
Treasurers' Report Accepted as Presented (motion made by Kurt & Chuck)

A board member asked if the memorial contributions were being recorded and recommended that they be listed in the newsletter.

Corinne reminded members that Membership mailing will go out on December 1<sup>st</sup>. She requested that any changes (sold, purchased) be sent to her to help her update the list. We currently have 976 owners in our database and 544 paid members (about 58%).

**President's Report:** Jay reported on his attendance at the Finger Lakes Institute Organization. Senator Kathy Young was present at the meeting. Jay said many lake associations were complaining that they were given grants in the last four years many have not received the money from the grant. The complaint is that the money is going to areas like Lake George, etc.

Jay said that many of the other lake associations were complaining about the same problems that we are having. Jay spoke with the representative from Honeoye Lake Association and they are looking at a grant to get rid of the nutrients in the lake by putting alum in the lake.

Jay believes that we should continue to attend these meetings. We have a choice of attending as a guest for free or as a voting member, which would require a \$200 fee. The meetings are held every month. Jay reminded the Board that he is not retired and cannot always make the meetings. Claud agreed to attend the meetings in Jake's absence.

The Board agreed to attend the meetings as a guest at this time, but recommended we send a donation toward their cause.

Chuck made a motion to send the Finger Lakes Institute Organization a \$50 donation from the Lamoka Waneta Lake Association. Seconded by Ed. Motion carried.

Pontoon Palooza update: Jay reported that Lamoka Lake was extremely successful. Waneta lake had about 15 boats. Lamoka had a band on the island with about 70 boats participating in the palooza. Some of the Waneta participants wanted to go over to Lamoka, but it was difficult to leave the other Waneta boats. It was suggested that next year we look into having the Pontoon Palooza on two different dates to allow each lake participant to join the other lake palooza. Terry reported that she received a phone call from someone on Lamoka asking if NYSEG knew about the band on the island. (The island belongs to NYSEG.) Terry reminded the Board that the only thing organized by the association is the boats tethered together.

Elections: Sean reported that there is still an opening for the Vice President's position and nominations will be open at the public meeting. Some Board Members reminded everyone that in order to serve as an officer of the Board you need to be a member of the Board for two years.

Claud moved to have the by-law regarding the Board Membership time be waved to allow someone from outside the Board membership to be elected as Vice President. Corinne seconded. Motion Carried.

The position of Vice President will be opened for nominations at the public meeting.

Sean also reported that he has many Board members willing to continue to serve another term. He also has interest from a new member to serve on the Board and a past member willing to come back on the Board.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CLOTHING:** Chuck reported that they made \$1,450 in clothing sales at the Pancake Breakfast. He will also be placing a small order in the spring to replenish inventory. They did run out of flairs and the new flairs now come 3 in a travel bag for \$30 as opposed to the 2 for \$25 from the old inventory.

**GOOSE CONTROL:** No Report

**GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Gary absent: No Report Some of the members of the Board that played in the tournament said it was very successful with 13 teams.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT—**No Report

**LAKE TESTING –** Chuck reported that they are having difficulty with the new parts they ordered and installed and it was still not working properly.

Gordon reported that Dennis had just received a letter from the DEC and forwarded it to him this morning. The letter stated that we were in compliance with the containment plan including the need to notify riparian owners along Mud Creek from the Bradford Dam downstream to its confluence with the Cohocton River.

Bob Johnson has completed is study last week and will be giving his report to Gordon and Dennis this week. Many members complained about the weeds this year. Gordon stated that he was pulling out more weeds this year than last year. Some residents were asking if the weeds were milfoil. It was felt that it is more than likely it is coontale.

**NAVIGATIONAL & RECREATIONAL LAW –** No Report

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST –** Ed reported that the Pancake Breakfast is not done to make a huge profit, but rather an opportunity for lake members to connect. They made \$916 minus expenses for a profit of \$200. The extra food was

donated to the Bradford Food Bank. Ed recommended that cleanup needs to be revisited. Some people were cleaning pots all morning. Ed would like to see the cleanup be organized into two different shifts.

STEUBEN/SCHUYLER WATER QUALITY REPS -- Cartha needed to leave early. No Report

OTHER—

- Sean received a call complaining about the noise the air boat on Lamoka caused when it was started up. He recommended the person contact the town or the code inspector. The LWLA does not have jurisdiction over noise on the lake. Terry referred member to the Directory regarding the guidelines for noise control.
- LWLA Directory – Corinne has had several people ask her when the new directory will be published. The directory is published every 5 years. Terry had recommended that we look at doing an annual supplement of changes each year with a new directory published every 5 years. Recommended a committee should be formed for the update of the directory. Recommended that the Directory discussion be added to the September Board Meeting Agenda

LAKE LEVEL—Terry Fisk distributed his photos of the Gauge Discrepancy Investigation. Hunt Engineers issued their report using GPS RTK resulting in elevations to be the same at 1098.75 measured on August 18<sup>th</sup> at the bridge between the lakes and NYSEG spillway in Bradford. Hunt will continue to pursue the gauge readings.

A copy of Gordon's e-mail was distributed to begin the discussion of the lake level.

- Gordon explained that our lakes are eutrophic lakes and are dealing with the nutrients that are being affected by the run offs.  
We are running at an average of 1099, which is too high. Some lake residents are affected by the 1099 level with their septic tanks and leech fields.
- A board member has a former student who is designing a valve system that will open when the water is too high and close when it reaches the appropriate level. The system would also record the levels at three locations and send the data to NYSEG. It was felt that NYSEG would be interested in such a system because it would be a savings from having to send a representative to do it by hand.
- It was felt that it is not all about the high or the low level of the water as it is the lake is filling with debris and soil and we may have to look at dredging the lake. (The bottom of the lake is rising.) The dredging of the lake would require a Grant. NYSEG is the only one to get permission to dredge as they did in the past when they needed the water to produce electricity. It was brought up that they are no longer interested in the water for electricity so would need to be persuaded to help us with the permission as we begin to look at a grant.
- Claud asked who has the information on dredging the lake. Gordon replied that he had approached Tom and Peggy from the DEC about dredging, but at the time they were overwhelmed with Lake Ontario. Jay agreed to reach out to Tom and Peggy regarding the process and steps to dredge the lakes. Jay will also reach out to other lake associations who are considering this concept.
- Kurt shared the information that his son has developed a machine that blows out the muck 20-30 feet off shore and this prevents having a problem with the high or low water level, which reinforces the theory that dredging is a viable solution.
- Jay asked members to gather data from their neighbors by asking the following questions:
  - Draw Down: How low should we draw down the lake and when (date) should we draw down the lake in the fall. (NYSEG Plan may dictate the date)
  - Normal Season: when do we shut the gates during the normal summer season.
  - High Level: how high should we allow the lake to get before we open the gates

**Calendar of Events:**

- Public Meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Tyrone Fire Hall
- Board of Director's Meetings: September 16, 2017, October 21, 2017 (All meetings are held at the Tyrone Town Hall at 10:00 a.m.)
- NYSFOLA Fall Conference October 15, 2016 10:00 a.m.3:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Next Meeting: August 26, 2017 Public Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Fire Hall

September 16, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Hall

October 26, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tyrone Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mary Tucker, Secretary*